

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: Mayor and City Council

Agenda Item #: IV.H.

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Action ☒

Discussion ☐

Date: March 18, 2014

Information ☐

Subject: Authorization To Utilize Metro ECSU Cooperative Purchasing Agency – Purchase Of Artificial Turf for the Sports Dome & Pamela Park Projects

Action Requested:

Authorize staff to utilize the Metro ECSU Cooperative Purchasing Agency to purchase artificial turf for the Sports Dome and Pamela Park projects

Information / Background:

The Metro ECSU (Educational Cooperative Services Unit) is the local affiliate and one of eight branches of the Minnesota Services Cooperative. The Minnesota Services Cooperative is a member of a 26 state national buying consortium called the AEPA (Association of Education Purchasing Agencies). Since 1976, Metro ECSU has been helping schools and other government agencies fulfill their missions by delivering high quality services while reducing costs through collaboration. A wide variety of products is available through the Metro ECSU, including over 40 contracts for a wide variety of products and services. Vendor contracts are established through a formal bid process conducted by the Minnesota Service Cooperatives. In addition to the excellent pricing, purchasing from the partnered vendors satisfies Minnesota competitive bidding requirements.

The FieldTurf artificial turf contract was established through a Request for Proposal which was competitively solicited, reviewed and awarded by AEPA. It was done in accordance with the Municipal Contracting Law M.S. 471.345 Subd. 15 and allows Minnesota members to purchase products from the contract without additional competitive bidding requirements. The contract number is MSC-012-C.

The Metro ECSU was utilized to purchase FieldTurf artificial turf at the Maple Grove Dome, Minnetonka High School, Osseo Area Schools, Richfield High School, McMurray Fields in St. Paul, St. Croix Sports Complex, Jimmy Lee Recreation Center in St. Paul, and Wayzata High School along with many others.

The exact turf products and turf markings are still to be determined, but the price for each the Sports Dome and Pamela Park turf fields will cost approximately \$385,000 - \$460,000. This purchase will also be made without the addition of sales tax per Minnesota Statute section 297A.70, subdivision 2, saving over \$50,000.

Metro ECSU offices are located in Arden Hills, MN.